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SHIMIZU, Yoshihiro et al., translation of presentation, not published, The 2nd RNA Meeting (July 31-August 2, 2000), Shinagawa Prince Hotel Annex, Tokyo (Document No. 246) was originally disclosed on page 9 of the IDS filed on October 17, 2002. It has come to Applicants' attention that Document No. 246 was distributed among the general public who attended the meeting. Therefore, Applicants resubmit Document No. 246 herein under the new entry: "SHIMIZU, Yoshihiro et al., The 2nd RNA Meeting, (July 31-August 2, 2000), Shinagawa Prince Hotel Annex, Tokyo (Translation of Document No. 246)."

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